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Outgoing quarantine transactions, week ended August 8, 1903.

Vessels sailing without quarantine, inspected and passed	4
Crew inspected during the week	325
Passengers inspected during the week	746
Persons bathed and effects disinfected	821
Persons vaccinated	923
Vessels disinfected during the week	4
Cases of smallpox occurring among personnel of vessels	1
Pieces of baggage disinfected	1, 674
Pieces of baggage inspected and passed	251

Report from Cebu—Quarantine on outgoing vessels raised.

Assistant Surgeon Fox reports, August 10, through the chief quarantine officer as follows:

I have this day raised the quarantine imposed upon outgoing vessels at this port.

Cholera has not disappeared here by any means, but the conditions have become so much better than they were not long since, and cholera is prevalent in so many other ports that it does not seem justifiable to restrict the shipping here any longer.

The quarantine has been raised only provisionally and if there be an increase in the number of cases of cholera it can readily be reestablished. I believe, however, that this will not be necessary.

TURKEY.

Report from Beirut—Cholera in Syria.

Consul Ravndal reports, August 27, as follows:

Cholera has spread from Damascus to nearly all important points in central and northern Syria, including Baalbek, Homs, and Tripoli. The mortality, as officially reported, is less than 100 a week in my district, but it is probable that these figures only faintly indicate the true facts of the situation. Beirut, up to date, is clean.

Report from Smyrna—Smallpox.

Consul Lane reports, August 31, as follows:

In conjunction with my official report of a smallpox epidemic in Smyrna, I desire to advise the Department of State that it is the current opinion among the foreign residents in Smyrna that only a small number of the actual deaths from smallpox are reported. Creditable physicians estimate that there have been from 20 to 30 deaths daily from the above-mentioned disease during the past two weeks.

From personal inquiry I am convinced that the epidemic of smallpox is much worse than the official reports indicate. Smyrna is now packing by hand and preparing large quantities of dried figs for immediate shipment to the United States, the labor employed being from the class among which the smallpox is most prevalent.